rates of Rs. 50/- per quintal less than the Central Issue Prices for rice and wheat.

(d) and (e) The Scheme has been launched from November, 94 and no complaint as such have been received so far.

Report on Grain Deficit

2790. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the latest report of World Water Institute warning about massive grain deficit over the next 40 years in the Indian sub-continent if population continues to grow as projected;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the largest increase in population is expected in India during the period;

(c) whether any advance planning has been done to meet the situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

लेवी चीनी का आबंटन

2791. **श्री नरेश यादव**: क्या खाद्य मंत्री 26 अगस्त, 1994 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 4280 के दिये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या बिहार राज्य को लेवी चीनी का आबंटन उपभोक्ताओं की संख्या के आधार पर प्रति व्यक्ति 425 ग्राम की दर से किया जाता है; और

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं तथा सरकार तद्नुसार लेवी चीनी आबंटित करने हेतु क्या कार्यवाही करेगी ?

खाद्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कल्प नाथ राय): (क) और (ख) जी, हां। बिहार को लेवी चीनी इस मानदण्ड पर आबंटित की जा रही है जिससे कि 1-10-1986 को प्रक्षिप्त जनसंख्या के लिए न्यूनतम प्रति व्यक्ति मासिक 425 ग्राम चीनी की उपलब्धता सुनिश्चित हो सके।

Stock of Foodgrains

2792. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA : DR. BAPU KALDATE :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) what was the position of food stocks was estimated to be excess of the end of July, 1994 and as on date;

(b) what is the quantity of foodgrains added to the stocks with the FCI since the beginning of 1994 ;

(c) what percentage of the foodgrains stocks was estimated to be excess of the norms fixed for the food security purposes ;

(d) the quantity of foodgrains distributed through PDS since January, 1994 and through special distribution system for Backward and Tribal areas to provide cheaper foodgrains ; and

(e) what are the circumstances leading to the surplus stocks of foodgrains posing various problems and the manner in which Government propose to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) : (a) The stock position of foodgrains in Central Pool comprising the stocks hold by FCI and the stocks held by States/ State's agencies on behalf of FCI as on 1st January '94, 31st July '94 and 1st November '94 is as follows :

(In Million Tonnes)

As on	wheat	Rice	Coarse Grain	Total
1-1-94(p)	10.82	11.17	Neg.	21.99
31-7-94(p)	16.97	12.73	Neg.	29.70
1-11-94(p)	14.98	15.44	Neg.	30.42

(Neg.)=Negligible

(P)=Provisional

(b) A quantity of about 11.87 million tonnes of wheat and about 10.7 million tonnes of rice has been added to the FCI stocks since January '94 to November '94.

(c) As on 1-10-1994, the stocks of foodgrains in Central Pool (wheat and rice) against the minimum buffer norms prescribed and the percentage of excess